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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

HUY T. NGUYEN

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 9-15 and 17 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2 and 16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kanda (5,930,446).

Regarding claim 1, Kanda discloses an editing apparatus for editing coded data coded in a predetermined unit to be stored into a storage medium, comprising:

designation means for designating an editing position (start or in point)(Figs.3, 12-13) of the coded data;

evaluation means (11) for evaluating a playback state when the coded data are played back from the editing position designated by said designation means (column 10 ; and

notification means (display means) for notifying a user of said editing apparatus of an evaluation result by said evaluation means (Fig. 3, column 7, lines 50-65).

Method claim 16 corresponds to apparatus claim 1. Therefore method claim 16 is rejected by the same reason as applied to apparatus claim 1.

3. Claims 1 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ito et al (6,094,522).

Regarding claim 1, Ito discloses an editing apparatus for editing coded data coded in a predetermined unit to be stored into a storage medium, comprising:

designation means for designating an editing position (column 3, line 30-45); of the coded data;

evaluation means for evaluating a playback state when the coded data are played back from the editing position designated by said designation means (column 10 ; and

notification means for notifying a user of said editing apparatus of an evaluation result by said evaluation means (column 14 lines 1-10, Fig. 12) .

Method claim 16 corresponds to apparatus claim 1. Therefore method claim 16 is rejected by the same reason as applied to apparatus claim 1.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

5. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kanda in view of Furuyama .

Regarding claim 2, Kanda fails to teach that the evaluation means outputs, as the evaluation result, a playback standby time (waiting time) required to start playback outputting after an instruction to play back and output the coded data from the editing position is issued .

Furiyama teaches a evaluation means for outputting a playback standby time (waiting time) required to start playback outputting after an instruction to play back and output the coded data from the editing position is issued (column 10).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art t modify Kanda with Furuyama by using a evaluation means as taught by Furuyama with the apparatus of Kanda for generating and outputting a playback standby time thereby accurately editing the data .

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments, filed 03 November 2005, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-2 under Ito and Furuyama have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Kanda.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 3- 8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

8. Claims 9-15 and 17 are allowed.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HUY T. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571) 272-7378. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM -6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Groody can be reached on (571) 272-7950. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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